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Newsletter #201:

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Hello! I hope everyone has had a good entry into 2023. I am looking forward to a year of more interactions with customers and a bit more travel than the previous years. Speaking of travel, I will be going on my next Europe trip in March. This was prompted by viewing the highlights of the Roger Wolf collection at the Künker table at the NY International Coin Show. Unfortunately Mr. Wolf died recently and from what I have heard he was an avid collector and a nice gentleman. He made accommodations before his death however to auction his beautiful collection with the team at Künker in Osnabrück. I'll speak more to that collection below but let that serve as a reminder to all that want to take advantage of my rep services.

The New York International Coin Show (a summary)

I just got back from a grueling, but exciting, week in New York. The auctions were active and saw excellent hammers and the show itself which took place Thursday-Sunday was equally strong. I wasn't able to attend last year because of Covid so this was my first time being at the Intercontinental Barclay. While a bit hectic where the NAC Zürich/NAC USA/SSNI stood, it brought me back to the days pre-pandemic. The show was bustling with public viewing and buying coins. I noticed a great improvement to my sales from the public side versus dealer to dealer. This suggests to me that the market strength is still there. Many are opting out of auctions because of the strong hammers so private sales seem to be where people are landing.

they will cease to be scheduled. I attended Doug Mudd's talk on Parthian coinage. It was fascinating and I learned quite a bit. The issue was that there were about 5 people in the room (with myself and the camera crew being part of that). Not a great turn out and if I were Doug I wouldn't be chomping at the bit to return. He is a busy man being the curator for the ANA and flew from Colorado to do this talk. Just like with supporting your local stores instead of buying from Amazon, we have to consider that these talks cost time, money and effort. I think we can do better so keep in mind next year when there is an educational talk or forum. Try to attend or the event planners for the NY International will think they aren't worth the effort.

NAC USA Accepting Consignments

Now that the office is officially and close to being completed (still waiting on those bookshelves to be done!) please consider visiting. Also, we've focused most of our efforts to make clear that the U.S. office is there to assist customers in their auction experience with NAC Zürich. That said, I also want to make clear that we are accepting consignments for NAC Zürich auctions as well. As the U.S. counterpart I am also happy to travel within the U.S. and Canada to view potential consignments. Whether big or small we are happy to evaluate and advise on the best auction options for your collection. Anyone that is interested please feel free to call at 708-655-4836 or write to shannaschmidt@arsclassicacoins.com.

NAC USA Unveiling Second Tray

If you visit our website at arsclassicausa.com you can access our second "tray" of coins on offer. These coins are a combination of NAC AG and SSNI stock. As a new tray is offered, the last will be taken down. All coins are accompanied by videos showing the coins in hand for viewing purposes. Anyone interested should contact me either by phone (708-655-4836) or email shannaschmidt@arsclassicacoins.com.

Upcoming Trade Show - ANA National Money Show (March 2-4)

The ANA NMS (or the winter Spring ANA as it is typically called) is March 2-4 in beautiful (and warm!) Phoenix. As an ANA governor I will be attending the show but I also have planned to have a table there for NAC USA and SSNI combined. I will be taking consignments for NAC Zürich and also selling stock from the NAC USA offices, as well as my own. Here is a link for the show. As with all the ANA conventions, we will have educational events along with a bourse. Hope to see you there!

https://www.money.org/NationalMoneyShow

The ANS is continuing their tradition of Friday Long Table presentations. The talks started shortly after the pandemic began and now if you can believe it we are on the 122nd one! Talk about longevity. Kudos for the ANS for continuing and growing on this wonderful incentive for membership. I have to say that most Fridays now I am unable to attend which is so frustrating for me. I know though that many continue to virtually attend them and that is spectacular.

The 122nd is on currency from 1787-c. 1859. The talk is led by Jonah Estess, who is a PhD candidate at American University. He also attended the Summer Seminar this last year. If you want to learn more click on the link below:

https://numismatics.org/long-table-122-currency-and-courts-banknotes-and-the-paradox-of-private-monetary-sovereignty-in-the-antebellum-united-states-1787-c1859/

NBS Podcasts

NBS (Numismatic Bibliomania Society) is a great free podcast that is focused on numismatics in all areas and of course a particular emphasis on books. I've done a podcast which can be accessed there as well. I'm not sure how many people are familiar with it but if you aren't, check it out. Lianna Spurrier has a great "radio voice" and is knowledgeable about coins which is a double incentive. Check it out and also join the NBS if you want to contribute to a wonderful society. It doesn't cost a lot and it supports a wonderful area of numismatics.

https://www.coinbooks.org/

There are a host of auctions that are coming up. Here is an overview:

Künker Auction 379 - Salton European Coins and 380 - Coins and Medals from Medieval to Modern Times (2 February)

The continuation of the Salton sale is on February 2nd with a selection of 100 European coins. Mark and Lottie Salton had a substantial collection of ancients and world coinage. Many have old pedigrees to accompany them. I presume that quite a few were purchased privately so they don't have other pedigrees but the Salton collection is a good pedigree to have in my opinion moving forward. Use the video function on some of the high value coins. You get a great perspective on the size of some of these pieces. They are just fantastic.

Auction 380, while not a named collection, is an amalgamation of beautiful European coins. It has a number of fascinating pieces. If you missed out on the Swedish 8 Daler piece in last year's Triton Sale then you have another opportunity. Here is a link to it:

Gerhard Hirsch Nachf., Auction 378/379 (15-16 February)

Hirsch will have their 378th auction with ancient coins on February 15. There are 508 lots in this live sale held at the Hirsch offices in Munich. Being an older, established firm, Hirsch often gets old collections for their auctions as customers tend to return to the "scene of the crime". Photography can sometimes be deceiving for the Hirsch coins with a benefit to the buyer.

Auction 379 is a catalog of 808 lots of German and other world coins. There are also 79 lots of bank notes and 24 lots of other material, like antique globes. It is worth checking out.

Künker Spring Sales including the Roger Wolf Collection (16-24 March)

I will be traveling to Osnabrück to view and attend the Künker Spring sales. Unfortunately the sales are not yet listed online as they have to get their Berlin auctions out of the way! As I mentioned at the beginning of my newsletter, I had a chance to preview the Roger Wolf collection in New York and it is a lovely sale and certainly worth my time to fly out to bid in person. For those wanting to take advantage of viewing and live bidding through me, please get in touch once you see the coins online. I presume just following the Berlin sale on February 2.

Coin of the Week

Severus Alexander. 222-235 AD. Rome, c. 231 AD. AV Aureus, 6.67g (21.5mm, 6h). IMP ALEXAN DER PIVS AVG, laureate, draped, and cuirassed bust right / IOVI PRO PVGNATORI, Jupiter, naked except for cloak over shoulder, standing facing, head right, holding up thunderbolt in right hand.

Pedigree: Ex Ars Classica XIII (27 June 1928), lot 1431.

References: RIC IV 234; Calicó 3060; BMCRE 789.

Grade: Some light scratches in the fields. Large flan with good strike and some luster. Good VF

Price: $8,000

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Severus Alexander was the last emperor from the Severan Dynasty started by Septimius Severus in 193 AD. Due to his age, his mother, Julia Mamaea served as his regent and was instrumental in his reign. In fact, Severus Alexander died along with his mother when the Praetorian Guard murdered them both and threw their bodies in the Tiber. His death set off a series of men vying for the throne. This period was known as the Crisis of the Third Century, a fifty year period of civil unrest, numerous short-term rulers and economic instability.

This coin comes from the 1928 Ars Classica sale (lot 1431). Ars Classica Geneva was the premier auction house at this time and auctioned off many collections. The 1928 sale was comprised of the following collections: Roberto Allatini, London. Spencer Churchill, Prof. Oscar Bloch from Copenhagen and Col. Veith from Vienna.

Link to coin on website:
https://www.shannaschmidt.com/roman-empire/severus-alexander-222-235-ad-rome-c-231-ad?rq=re1132

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